

TELEGRAMS, CLASHMORE,  
STATION, BONAR BRIDGE.

SKIBO CASTLE,  
DORNOCH,  
SUTHERLAND.

19th June 1905.

My dear Half-century friend,

You have written me an exquisite letter. George W. Cable happens to be staying with us, also Mr Alden, architect of Pittsburgh, and some others whom I have allowed to read it. I shall hand it to <sup>n</sup>may others. When your memoirs are printed that letter must be included : it is a gem. You say your dreams have remained dreams : my case is ~~one~~ one whose air-castles were poor compared to the reality. I find the wise distribution of wealth much harder than its acquisition, ~~very~~ very much harder. I notice you are "waiting to see whether as the years go I grow into greater sympathy with the submerged tenth; that would be a wonderful triumph, for it would be a result of the mellowness of years, as against nationality <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ temperament." My friend, the heart is the steam in the boiler; the head is the engine that regulates dangerous steam and prevents disastrous explosions. So far from my heart being allowed ~~more~~ more control, I see that wisdom requires it to be more and more repressed.

I am satisfied of two things : you cannot help those who do not help themselves, very much, and in this field there is more injury than good done. One of the wisest and best men living, Mr Loch, head of the Charity Organization of London,



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Cheap popularity can easily be won by acting in a foolish manner showing that you have no judgment or sense, only feeling; the more feeling you are, the better "good-fellow" you are.

This is not a position for one to take who believes that wealth is a trust which he is bound to administer wisely.

Remember I do not deny that sentiment fills a great field and whenever it can be indulged, and it often can, without working injury, then it should have full reign.

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*Always your friend  
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